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| Resolution for CIDs on Broadcast TWT for MLD (CC36) | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for following 1 comment received for TGbe CC36:

* 1 CID: 6879

SP: Do you agree to the resolutions provided in doc 11-22/0254r1 for the following CIDs for inclusion in the latest 11be draft?

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Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.
* Rev 1: Simplified the signalling reusing the existing bitmap introduced for iTWT. Revised text based on offline feedback.

***TGbe editor: Please note Baseline is 11be D1.4***

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

A motion to approve this submission means that the editing instructions and any changed or added material are actioned in the TGbe Draft. This introduction is not part of the adopted material.

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| **CID** | **Commenter** | **Clause** | **Pg/Ln** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 6879 | Rubayet Shafin | 35.6 | 297.57 | 11be includes multi-link operation. However, how restricted TWT will operate on multi-link devices (MLDs) is not clear. In general, mechanism for Broadcast TWT for MLDs need to be defined. | Commenter will present a contribution on this. | **Revised.**  Agree in principle. Necessary text on broadcast TWT operation for MLD is included.  **TGbe editor, please make change as shown in this doc 11-22/0254r1 tagged by #6879.** |

**Discussion:**

Text related to broadcast TWT for multi-link operation is currently missing in the spec and needs to be added. In general, an AP affiliated with an AP MLD and an STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD should be able to negotiate a broadcast TWT schedule over one link between the AP MLD and the non-AP MLD on behalf of multiple links between the same AP MLD and the non-AP MLD. We need the necessary signalling to enable this for broadcast TWT (the procedure for individual TWT has been added in Draft 1.1). The following example can be helpful in illustrating this process and the outcome we strive to realize in this document:



Figure D-1: Example of Broadcast TWT schedule negotiation over a single link for multiple links

In the example of Figure D-1, an AP MLD has three affiliated APs: AP 1 operates on 2.4 GHz band, AP 2 operates on 5 GHz band, and AP 3 operates on 6 GHz band. A non-AP MLD has three affiliated STAs: STA 1 operates on 2.4 GHz band, STA 2 operates on 5 GHz band, and STA 3 operates on 6 GHz band. Three links are set up and enabled between the AP MLD and the non-AP MLD: Link 1 between AP 1 and STA 1; Link 2 between AP 2 and STA 2; Link 3 between AP 3 and STA 3. The AP MLD advertises a broadcast TWT schedules, namely Schedule A, over all three links. Non-AP STA 1 affiliated with the non-AP MLD sends a broadcast TWT element to AP 1 affiliated with the AP MLD. The broadcast TWT element contains a Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field corresponding to Schedule A. Also, the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field sent by non-AP STA 1 indicates (*note--this signalling needs to be defined*) the three links, Link 1, Link 2, and Link 3, and sets the TWT Setup Command field as Request TWT. Upon receiving the TWT element, AP 1 sends a TWT element to non-AP STA 1 and includes the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field corresponding to Schedule A. AP 1, in this Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field, also indicates the same three links, Link 1, Link 2, and Link 3, and sets the TWT Setup Command field as Accept TWT. After the successful broadcast TWT negotiation, Schedule A is established over all the three links: Link 1, Link 2, and Link 3.

**Signalling:**

In order to indicate multiple links for individual TWT operation, in 11be draft, a Link ID Bitmap subfield was introduced in the Individual TWT Parameter Set field. The corresponding bitmap presence indicator is placed in the Control field of the TWT element (see Figure D-2 for reference).



Figure D-2: TWT element format

An Individual TWT element contains a single parameter set corresponding to a single TWT agreement (presence of a second parameter set is possible to indicate TWT parameter ranges corresponding to a single TWT agreement). So, placing the Link ID Bitmap Present subfield in the Control field of the TWT element works out for individual TWT since there is a one-to-one mapping between the Link ID Bitmap in the individual TWT parameter set and the related presence indicator in the Control field of the TWT element as shown in Figure D-3.



Figure D-3: Link ID indication for individual TWT

In a broadcast TWT element, however, there can be multiple parameter sets corresponding to different broadcast TWT schedules. In MLO context, each parameter set may be negotiated for a different set of links. Hence, to indicate the presence of the Link ID Bitmap in a broadcast TWT parameter set, the presence indicator needs to be within the corresponding broadcast TWT parameter set. The needed change is shown in yellow in Figure D-4.



Figure D-4: Link ID indication for broadcast TWT

**9. Frame formats**

**9.4.2.199 TWT element**

***TGbe editor: Please Change Figure 9-766 (Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field format) as follows:***



**Figure 9-766: Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field format (#6879)**

***TGbe editor: Please* change the paragraph (The Link ID Bitmap subfield indicates the links…) in Clause 9.4.2.199 as follows:**

The Link ID Bitmap subfield indicates the links to which an individual or broadcast TWT parameter set contained in the TWT element sent by a STA affiliated with an MLD applies. A value of 1 in bit position of the Link ID Bitmap subfield means that the link to which the TWT parameter set in the TWT element sent by a STA affiliated with an MLD applies. A value of 0 in bit position of the Link ID Bitmap subfield means that the link associated with the link ID is not the link to which the TWT parameter set in the TWT element sent by a STA affiliated with an MLD applies (#6879).

***TGbe editor: Please Change Figure 9-768 (Request Type field format in Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field) as follows:***



**Figure 9-768:** **Request Type field format in Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field (#6879)**

***TGbe editor: Please* insert the following paragraph after the paragraph (In a TWT element transmitted by a TWT requesting or TWT scheduled STA, the TWT Wake Interval is equal to…..) in clause 9.4.2.199:**

The Broadcast TWT Link ID Bitmap Present subfield indicates whether or not a Link ID Bitmap subfield is present in the corresponding Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field. The Broadcast TWT Link ID Bitmap Present subfield is set to 1 if the Link ID Bitmap subfield is present in the corresponding Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field; otherwise, it is set to 0. This subfield is set to 0 when the corresponding Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field is carried in a TWT element with Negotiation Type subfield set to 2 (#6879).

**35.7 TWT operation**

***TGbe editor: Please insert the following subclause 35.7.3 (Broadcast TWT operation) under clause 35.7***

**35.7.3 Broadcast TWT operation (#6879)**

A TWT scheduling AP affiliated with an AP MLD and a TWT scheduled STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD, for negotiating membership of a broadcast TWT schedule, shall follow the rules defined in 26.8.3.1 (General), 26.8.3.2 (Rules for TWT scheduling AP), and 26.8.3.3 (Rules for TWT scheduled STA) with the following additional rules:

* The TWT scheduled STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD or the TWT scheduling AP affiliated with the AP MLD, while negotiating for a broadcast TWT schedule, may indicate the link(s) between the AP MLD and the non-AP MLD for which the negotiation is being conducted. The TWT scheduled STA or the TWT scheduling AP transmitting the TWT element may make the link indication in the Link ID Bitmap subfield in the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field corresponding to the broadcast TWT schedule.
  + If one or more links are indicated in the Link ID Bitmap subfield in the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field transmitted by a TWT scheduled STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD or a TWT scheduling AP affiliated with the AP MLD, the corresponding broadcast TWT schedule is negotiated on behalf of the STAs affiliated with the same MLD and operating on the indicated links between the AP MLD and the non-AP MLD. The Target Wake Time field in the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field shall be in reference to the TSF time of the respective links that are indicated in the Link ID Bitmap.
* A TWT scheduling AP affiliated with an AP MLD that receives a TWT element with Link ID Bitmap subfield in a Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field from a TWT scheduled STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD may respond by including a Link ID Bitmap subfield in the TWT response that indicates a different set of links as that of the received Link ID Bitmap or the same set of links as that of the received Link ID Bitmap but with different TWT parameters if the TWT Setup Command field in the Request Type field in the corresponding Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field in the response frame is set to Alternate TWT or Dictate TWT. The TWT scheduling AP shall respond with a Link ID Bitmap that indicates the same set of links in the received Link ID Bitmap and the same TWT parameters as that indicated in the received Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field if the TWT Setup Command field in the Request Type field in the corresponding Broadcast TWT Parameter Set field in the response frame is set to Accept TWT or Reject TWT.

If a TWT scheduling AP affiliated with an AP MLD or a TWT scheduled STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD transmits a broadcast TWT element that contains a Link ID Bitmap subfield in at least one of the Broadcast TWT Parameter Set fields included in the TWT element, then the TWT scheduling AP or the TWT scheduled STA shall set the Link ID Bitmap Present subfield in the Control field of the broadcast TWT element to 1. Otherwise, the TWT scheduling AP or the TWT scheduled STA shall set the Link ID Bitmap Present subfield to 0.

The AP MLD or the non-AP MLD shall not transmit a TWT element over any of the links set up between them that includes a TWT parameter set field containing a Link ID Bitmap subfield with -th bit in the bitmap set to 1 if the corresponding -th link is disabled for the non-AP MLD through TID-to-Link mapping.

***TGbe editor: Please add the following subsection 35.8.6 (Restricted TWT with multi-link operation) under clause 35.8***

**35.8 Restricted TWT (r-TWT)**

**35.8.6 Restricted TWT with multi-link operation (#6879)**

An r-TWT scheduling AP or an r-TWT scheduled STA, in the context of multi-link operation, shall follow the rules defined in 35.7.3 (Broadcast TWT operation) with additional rules described in this subclause.

For r-TWT operation between an AP MLD and a non-AP MLD, the AP MLD or the non-AP MLD shall not transmit a TWT element over any of the set up links between them that includes an r-TWT parameter set with the -th bit in the Restricted TWT DL TID Bitmap subfield or Restricted TWT UL TID Bitmap subfield, if present, set to 1 if the TID for the respective direction is not mapped on the intended link for which the restricted TWT schedule is being negotiated. The AP MLD or the non-AP MLD shall not transmit a TWT element over any of the links between them that includes an r-TWT parameter set with the DL TID Bitmap Valid subfield or UL TID Bitmap Valid subfield, if present, to 0 if any of the TIDs is not mapped on the desired link for the respective direction (#6879).